

REMARKS

SUMMARY

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-11, 13, 15-18, 22-29 and 33 remain in the application and are subject to examination. Claims 3-11, 13, 15-16, 18, 22-29 and 33 are allowed. Claims 15, 30 and 34 have been rejected. Claim 15 has been amended. Claims 30 and 34 have been cancelled.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

In “Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102,” item 2 on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, claim 15 has been rejected as indefinite because it appears to depend on claim 1, which was previously cancelled.

The Examiner has indicated claim 15 is allowable if independent. Claim 15 has been amended to clarify that it is an independent claim.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

In “Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103,” item 4 on page 3 of the above-identified Office Action, claim 30 has been rejected as being obvious over Murray et al., U.S. Pub No. 2003/0087664 (hereinafter “Murray”) in view of Pine, U.S. Patent No. 6,958,777.

The rejection of claim 30 has been rendered moot by its cancellation.

In “Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103,” item 5 on page 4 of the above-identified Office Action, claim 34 has been rejected as being obvious over Murray in view of Naghi et al., U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0072169 (hereinafter “Naghi”) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

The rejection of claim 34 has been rendered moot by its cancellation.

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In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 and 103 and issue a Notice of Allowance.

CONCLUSION

As a result of the amendments herein, Applicant submits that claims 3-11, 13, 15-18, 22-29, and 33 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present paper, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (503) 222-9981. If any fees are due in connection with filing this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt, P.C., No. 50-0393.

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